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From: Director, Office of Fire and Aviation

Subject: Geospatial Technologies Strategic Plan

The Office of Fire and Aviation (OF&A) is initiating development of a strategic plan for geospatial technologies (GIS) within the fire program. As discussed at the recent Fire GIS meeting in Phoenix, this plan is an important step for promoting the effective and efficient use of geospatial technology to support the fire business areas and to assist them in meeting the objectives of the National Fire Plan. Some of the objectives of the strategic plan include:

- Provide strategic direction within BLM Fire GIS regarding the management of geographic information and technology consistent with the Bureau's Enterprise Architecture, Enterprise GIS and the Office of Fire and Aviation's IT Strategic Plan;
- Make recommendations to the Office of Fire and Aviation's Chief Information Officer (CIO) applicable to geospatial technologies;
- Support the development of structures and processes that ensure effective coordination and partnerships with other agencies; and
- Ensure development and maintenance of spatial data standards to support the use of geospatial information.

The individuals who have volunteered to serve on the work group for the Strategic Plan development are:

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Dave Wilson, Arizona State Office
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This work group will be meeting July 15-16, 2003 in Boise, Idaho. When finalized, meeting arrangements will be mailed to all participants.

Questions regarding the meeting or other aspects of the Fire GIS Strategic Plan should be directed to Janis Reimers at (208) 387-5862.

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